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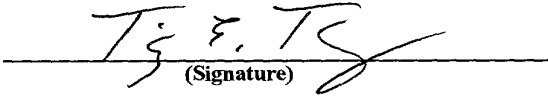
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the captioned Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 3, please insert:

This is a division of Application No. 09/320,975, filed May 27, 1999, which is
currently pending.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-5, 12-18, without prejudice.

Please add the following claims:

19. A sanitary napkin containing an effective amount of essential oil to provide an aroma and inhibit microbial growth.
20. A sanitary napkin of claim 19, wherein the essential oil is selected from the group consisting of rosemary oil, clove oil, ginger oil, turmeric oil, chamomile oil, lemon grass oil, thyme oil, achillea oil, thulasi oil, clary sage oil, cedar (hinoki) oil, and mixtures thereof.
21. The sanitary napkin of Claim 20 wherein the essential oil is rosemary oil.
22. The sanitary napkin of Claim 19 wherein the amount of essential oil is from about 0.1 to about 8.0 weight percent.
23. The sanitary napkin of Claim 19 wherein essential oil is added to the sanitary napkin during its manufacture.

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

6. The sanitary napkin of Claim 19 wherein any one of the elements used in making the article is combined with essential oil prior to manufacturing the sanitary napkin.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. The sanitary napkin of Claim 6 wherein the essential oil is contained within adhesives used to adhere a plurality of elements making up the sanitary napkin.

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

8. The sanitary napkin of Claim 6 wherein the essential oil is contained within adhesives used to attach the sanitary napkin to undergarments.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9. The sanitary napkin of Claim 6 wherein the essential oil is contained within adhesives used to adhere the sanitary napkin directly to a user's body.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 12-18 have been cancelled without prejudice. Original claims 1-3, 5 and amended claim 1 have been amended as new claims 19-23, those claims together with claims 10-11 have been amended to recite a sanitary napkin. Support for the new claims and the amendments to the remaining claims is found throughout the specification at, for example, original claims 1, page 5, lines 11-13, and page 6, lines 8-11.

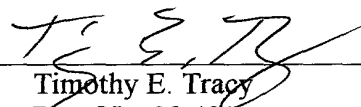
Claims 6-9 have been amended to correct claim dependencies in view of independent claim 19.

It is submitted that no new matter has been added by the above amendments.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is/are captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

Accordingly, entry of the claims and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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6. The ~~disposable absorbent article~~ sanitary napkin of Claim ~~4~~19 wherein any one of the elements used in making the ~~article~~ sanitary napkin is combined with essential oil prior to manufacturing the ~~disposable absorbent article~~ sanitary napkin.

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

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Claim 10 has been amended as follows:

10. A ~~disposable absorbent article~~ sanitary napkin contained with wrapping material, wherein the wrapping material contains and effective amount of essential oil to provide an aroma and inhibit microbial growth.

Claim 11 has been amended as follows:

11. The ~~disposable absorbent article~~ sanitary napkin of Claim 10 wherein the amount of essential oil is from about 0.1 to about 8.0 weight percent.